



EVENT RUNDOWN

Referees & Officials

YEAR: 2023 | DATE: 5/19/23 to 5/21/23

Tournament Director: Marcus Owerko
Ast. Tournament Director: Randy Weber



First and foremost, thank you!

Greetings Referees & Officials!

On behalf of the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club and the CRYSC Tournament series, I would like to express our deepest appreciation for your commitment, time investment, and dedication to facilitating the beautiful game of soccer in our community. We respect and value our referees with the highest regard, as ultimately, our events would cease to exist without each and every one of you. CRYSC cherishes our referees for their good hearts and stands beside you in the trenches, ready to support you in any way we can.

As a former referee myself, I know the challenges that each of you face game after game from the community. Parents, coaches, players, and spectators are the lifeblood of our sport, but so are you. On behalf of CRYSC, I pledge my unwavering commitment to fostering positive and safe environments through education, communication, and action at our events and in our community.

Our vision to be the premiere tournament destination for all levels of youth soccer teams in Colorado and the Western United States is not possible without your steadfast support. We appreciate each of you and take pride in the opportunity to grow the game in the Mile High City together.

We look forward to working alongside you to provide a top-class experience for our participants and spectators!

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcus Owerko". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Marcus Owerko

Director of Tournaments | CRYSC



Below you will find information that is critical to knowing expectations, where to find information, and contact information for Tournament Staff.

I. Event Leadership Contact Information

- **Director of Tournaments: Marcus Owerko**
 - Phone: 847-946-9173
 - Email: Marcus.Owerko@rapidsyouthsoccer.org
 - *Contact If: You have an event emergency or can't reach anyone else!*

- **Assistant Director of Tournaments & Events: Randy Weber**
 - Phone: 561-945-3546
 - Email: Randy.Weber@rapidsyouthsoccer.org
 - *Contact If: Anything related to sponsorship or vendor logistics on-site.*

- **Head of Medical: Julie Graves**
 - Phone: 303-828-7162
 - Email: Julie.Graves@rapidsyouthsoccer.org
 - *Contact If: Anything related to medical services on site.*

- **Head of Referees: Deanna Duncan-Allen**
 - Phone: 303-888-6863
 - Email: refeducation@coloradoreferes.com
 - *Contact If: Scoring/Referee-related questions only.*

II. Facility CRYSC Staff Contact Information

- **DICK'S Sporting Goods Park**
 - Site Lead: Marcus Owerko
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 - Email: Marcus.Owerko@rapidsyouthsoccer.org
 - Site Manager: Alana Chubb
 - Phone: (720-999-2287)
 - Email: 9achubb11@gmail.com

- **Gates Soccer Complex - NORTH**
 - Site Manager: Randy Weber
 - Phone: 561-945-3546
 - Email: Randy.Weber@rapidsyouthsoccer.org

- **Gates Soccer Complex - SOUTH**
 - Site Manager: Guille Bardales
 - Phone: (970-852-2992)
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III. General Referee Information

- **STAFF BADGE:** Pick up your Referee staff badge from the Event Staff on-site!
- **PARKING:** Referee Staff can park in the designated staff parking lots.
 - **DSGP:** Lot C, on the NORTH side of Pod 2.
 - **GATES SOUTH:** Staff parking area SOUTH of Fields 6A/6B.
 - **The bridge between North-South is BROKEN. Park where you're reffing!**
 - **GATES NORTH:** Park in the Gates North parking lot.
 - **Tell traffic management you are a referee!**
- **EXPECTATIONS:**
 - Referee staff is expected to handle all matters relating to scoring, refereeing, and recording misconduct.
- **WEATHER:**
 - Tournament & Facility staff will be responsible for all weather decisions.
 - Referees can join the discussion, but CRYSC staff will make final calls.
 - Weather Protocol can be found further down the document.

IV. LET US PLAY Spectator Behavior Policy

Point Deduction Structure for Spectators & Fans

Referees can caution any spectators for unsportsmanlike or inappropriate behavior. Points will be deducted from the team's overall group standing point tally. Point deductions will be structured as follows:

- Referees will follow a 1-warning system to spectators before issuing any cautions.
- **ONE-POINT (-1)** deduction for a **Spectator Warning** issued to **SPECTATORS**.
- **TWO-POINT (-2)** deduction for a **Spectator Dismissal** issued to **SPECTATORS**.

Point Deduction Structure for Players & Coaches

Referees will adhere to the standard cautioning policy for Players and Coaches.

- **Yellow Card (Misconduct):** There are **NO** point deductions for a standard yellow card.
- **Red Card (Sendoff):** A **ONE-POINT (-1)** deduction for a **RED** card to a **PLAYER/COACH**.

Behaviors Considered As "Unsportsmanlike or Inappropriate Behavior"

Cautions and dismissals of players, coaches, and spectators are subject to any action that, in the opinion of any member of the referee team, has violated the Let Us Play guidelines. The following list provides guidance but is not exclusive to any additional actions that may occur that are deemed inappropriate.

1. Approaching the referee any time before, during or after the match to negatively react, by word or action, to events of the game
2. Verbal abuse directed at the referee, players, or coaches involved in the match.
3. Any use of foul language directed at the referee, players, or coaches involved in the match.
4. Unruly or disrespectful behavior between opposing fan sections.
5. Any physical altercations of any kind. (Immediate Red Card Dismissal)
6. Any use of controlled substances or alcohol near the field of play.
7. [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CSA CODE OF CONDUCT](#)



V. General Referee HQ Set Up & Equipment

- DSGP & Gates South will have a designated Referee HQ.
 - **DSGP** - In the Southwest corner of Lot C.
 - **Gates South** - Near the Staff parking lot south of Fields 6A/6B.
 - Tables and chairs
 - Power: Will be available at all locations - Ask your Site Manager.
- **HQ LOCATION:** Check the maps below to locate where each HQ will be on site!
 - [DSGP DIGITAL MAP: CLICK FOR THE SITE MAP](#)
 - [GATES NORTH DIGITAL MAP: CLICK FOR THE SITE MAP](#)
 - [GATES SOUTH DIGITAL MAP: CLICK FOR THE SITE MAP](#)
 - You will find your equipment mentioned above at those locations!
- **SET-UP EXPECTATIONS:** The Referee Staff is responsible for setting up **and** breaking down tables/chairs each day (*Where applicable*)
 - Tables & Chairs are to be left in order. Trash should be cleaned.
 - **NO TRASH IS TO BE LEFT IN THE TENT.**
- **NEED TO BRING:** You are expected to bring and provide:
 - Additional electronics (Laptops, etc.)
 - General needs such as binders, game cards, etc.
- **FOOD:**
 - Each Referee will get **1 meal per day** provided by the Tournament.
 - Food will be delivered to the Referee Hub at your location.

V. Rosters, Pre-Game Checks, & Team Check-In

Tournament Team Check-In Requirements

Teams will need to SHOW the following documentation to check in prior to their first match:

- **THERE ARE TWO METHODS OF APPROPRIATE ROSTERS:**
 - **All Recreational Teams**
 - Will NOT have rosters printed on game cards.
 - Will have printed rosters with a RED ROCK CUP STAMP on them.
 - **Competitive Teams:**
 - Will NOT have printed rosters.
 - Rosters should be on the Game cards.
 - Will hav guest player forms with RED ROCK CUP STAMP.
- **Medical Forms (PDF is fine - [Click HERE to download a Medical form.](#))**
 - **CRYSK Teams DO NOT need to bring medical forms. We have them on file!**
- **Guest Player Form (Paper or PDF is fine - [Click HERE to download a Guest Player form.](#))**
 - **The guest player form MUST have a RED Rock Cup stamp or a RED ANIMAL stamp.**
 - If your guest players are NOT on your printed roster, you must fill out a Guest Player form and bring this to Check-in.



Tournament Shortened Game Times

Rules Source	Age Group	Format	Ball Size	Max Roster	Length of Period	Half-time/Duration	Buffer Time	Min # To Play
FRL	9U-10U	7v7	4	12	2 x 20 min	5 min.	10/15 min.	5
CSA	11U-12U	9v9	4	16	2 x 25 min	5 min.	10/15 min.	6
CSA	13U-14U	11v11	5	19	2 x 30 min	5 min.	10/15 min.	7

Tournament Staff Team Check-In Process

- **Teams arrive 1 Hour Before Their First Game to Check-In onsite.**
 - Before your first match, you must check in at the “Check-In Tent” at the facility at which you will play your first game.
- **CRYSC Tournament Staff has already reviewed and approved rosters. Some rosters are printed on Game Cards, some rosters will be brought to the fields as printed documents by teams.**
 - Rosters were reviewed for:
 - Birthdates align with your team’s age group birth year.
 - Roster sizes are under the indicated maximum roster size.
 - 9U-10U = Max of 14 Players
 - 11U-12U = Max of 16 players
 - 13U-19U = Max of 19 players
- **Verbal Agreement & Signature from Team Representative.**
 - One team representative will then verbally agree to our roster agreement when you check in: “I confirm my roster is age-eligible, and any discrepancies in the roster throughout the event will mean our team can be subject to immediate removal from the event without a refund.”
 - The team representative will then sign our Check-In sheet.

Pre-Game Check-In Referee Routine

1. **Referees WILL check rosters in TWO methods:**
 - a. **Competitive teams will have rosters printed on game cards.**
 - b. **Recreational teams will have printed rosters with a RED ROCK CUP STAMP.**
2. Referees **WILL** perform a safety/equipment check-in.
3. Referees will inquire with event staff for any questions regarding player eligibility.

Game Card WITHOUT a Roster On It:

- Recreational teams DID NOT build rosters in GotSport.
- Tournament Staff has instructed teams with NO roster built to bring a PRINTED roster that will be verified on-site.

Any Game Card Roster-Related Issues:

- If a team has a player(s) not on the game card roster, please send a team representative to the Check-In tent immediately!
- Tournament staff will have the team representative fill out a guest player form that **MUST** have the player’s CYS number for insurance purposes.



Referee Pre-Game Check-In Expectations

- In no event will a player be able to participate who has not been certified by the Rapids Tournament Staff Credentials Committee. Once play has started in the first scheduled game, no players may be added to the roster for the remainder of the tournament.
- Tournament officials approve all team rosters and eligible players in GotSport. Proof of team check-in with the tournament will be visible on the team's tournament roster.
- **Referees WILL collect any PRINTED rosters prior to each game.**
- **Referees WILL perform a safety/equipment check-in.**
- **Rosters WILL NOT be returned after each match.**
- ***Should there be any questions regarding player eligibility, referees will confer with Tournament Staff and the Referee Site Coordinator.***

If a Team Can Not Provide a Roster - Situation Plan

- Immediately let the Tournament Staff know, but start the match to avoid delays.
 - *Unless it is a playoff game! Hold kickoff until further notice.*
- Ref HQ and CRYSC Staff will locate the PDF roster in our files.
- The roster will be brought to this field, and the referee is to perform a Roster Check with the coach and players at halftime.
- 3-0 Automatic LOSS if there are any issues with the eligibility
- Deanna will have MY GotSport log in to access roster PDFs in an emergency.

VI. Specific Rules, Food & Golf Carts

Food For Referees & Referee Staff:

- Each Referee and Referee staff member will get **ONE meal per day** provided.
 - Referee Staff - Can have up to 2 meals per day
- Food will be **delivered directly to the Referee HQ** by MyFit Foods.
- **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** Referee Staff is responsible for distributing food to their referees and staff.
- **Water:** Water will be provided for all Referees & Event Staff.

Golf Cart Rules & Expectations:

- Referee Staff & Tournament Staff will share ONE golf cart together.
- ***Golf Cart Keys: Will be IN each golf cart starting the day, and must be left in the ignition of the golf cart at the end of each day.***
- **GOLF CART LOCATIONS:** Will be parked near the HQ at your Event Site
 - Carts **MUST** be returned to where they were found at the end of each day!
- ***DO NOT DRIVE ON THE FIELDS. Stay on the outside edges please!***
- **Referee Transportation Cart Rides:** Carts are only to be used for Referee transportation and Game Card Pickup. They are NOT allowed to be used to give spectators or other regular event attendees a ride. If tournament staff sees a cart being abused or used incorrectly, they have the ability to give a warning and confiscate keys after a second infringement.
- **ADA/Elderly Transportation:** Golf carts CAN be used to transport elderly, injured players, or disabled spectators and patrons.



Scoring and Point System

The following points are allotted per instance:

- Six (6) points for a win
- Three (3) points for a tie
- No (zero) points for a loss
- Minus two (-2) points for forfeiture or abandonment of a game.
- One (1) point per goal scored (Up to 3 points maximum regardless of score).
- One (1) point for shut out except for 0-0.
- Minus one (-1) point for a Let Us Play Caution (Yellow card to spectator/coach)
- Minus two (-2) points for a Let Us Play Dismissal (Red card to spectator/coach)

Bracket Structure Clarity for 6-Team Groups

- **4-team bracket:** 3-game round robin with two highest point teams playing a final.
- **5-team bracket:** 4-game round robin with the highest point team as champion.
- **6-team bracket:** Two 3-team groups with cross-bracket group play. Each team will play 3 games, one against each team in the other group. Top 2 teams **overall** will play a final.
- **8-team bracket:** Two 4-team groups, with the top team in each group playing a final.

Determination of Group Winners By Tie Breaker

- Final Tie Breaker is now “Best Disciplinary Record (Least amount of yellow & red cards combined)”
 1. Head to Head (if all teams played a balanced schedule)
 2. Goal Differential
 3. Goals For
 4. Goals Against
 5. Most Shutouts
 6. Best Disciplinary Record (Least amount of yellow & red cards combined)

VII. Additional Rule Updates & Clarifications

Gender Identification Policy

- “CRYSC follows the same gender guidelines as USSF and CSA.”
- Had an issue with this during Rock Cup; it needed to be clarified.

Animals On Site - Rule For ALL Facilities

- No animals will be allowed on site at ANY tournament locations.